

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
Special Called Meeting
AGENDA

Lumpkin County Courthouse
Conference Room
Dahlonega, Georgia
June 21, 2006
4:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. OLD BUSINESS

- 2008 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) projects

IV. OTHER ITEMS

- Sign Regulations
- Road Abandonment - Bryant Road

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Meetings:

- Board Special Called Meeting – City Hall
- Board Work Session – City Hall
- Board Meeting – City Hall
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- Board Meeting – City Hall

July 06, 2006 at 8:45 a.m.
July 06, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.
July 20, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.
August 03, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.
August 17, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

VI. ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE
LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

June 21, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Commissioners present were Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Marvin Martin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Raber moved that the agenda be accepted and Commissioner Stowers seconded the motion. All district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2008 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) projects

Commissioner Raber had to leave the June 14 Special Called Meeting early due to a family emergency. He was unable to be present for the vote of the SPLOST and wanted to revisit the matter. There was a great deal of discussion among the commissioners and between the commissioners and attending citizens.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to reaffirm the SPLOST vote taken June 14, 2006. Commissioner Stowers seconded this. All district commissioners voted to reaffirm that vote with the exception of Marvin Martin who voted against approval. Motion carried.

Chairman Gooch called a break at 5:59 p.m.

Chairman Gooch called the meeting back to order at 6:07 p.m.

OTHER ITEMS

Sign Regulations

Discussion centered on whether or not there should be a permit fee, the basis for the permit fee, and whether or not an application form had been created. Chairman Gooch pointed out that should a fee be approved that it would be an administrative fee.

Motion: Commissioner Martin made a motion that the sign fee be \$1.00 per square foot computed in the same manner as we count square footage for the area of the sign excluding poles, etc. (i.e. structure square feet) for any sign that requires a permit. Commissioner Raber seconded the motion. Commissioner Hutcheson voted against the motion with Commissioners Raber, Stowers and Martin voting approval. Motion carried.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion that we not charge for grandfathered signs provided that the sign owner gets the required sign permit within the 120 days. Beginning on the 121st day they must pay for a permit. Commissioner Stowers seconded the motion.

There was discussion as to whether we should charge for only new signs or also require those who have non-conforming grandfathered signs to pay for a permit.

Following discussion all district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hutcheson stated that we need to clarify matters for the Planning Department regarding which signs are grandfathered. She suggested requiring an affidavit that the sign-owner has the permission of the property owner to have a sign on that private property. The County Manager and County Attorney will work together to design exactly how this should be done.

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Commissioner Martin was excused from the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Road Abandonment - Bryant Road

Chairman Gooch explained the process of road abandonment. Harry Beecham, the developer, said that he only wants abandonment of that portion of Bryant Road that is inside the property he hopes to purchase. Casey explained that Beecham could request that the current property owners each write a letter to the County Commissioners and request that the road at the southern boundary of Land Lot 341 be abandoned. There will still be need of public meetings.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve moving forward in the abandonment process of the pertinent portion of Bryant Road contingent upon getting a letter from the current property owners from each side of that road. Commissioner Stowers seconded the motion with all district commissioners approving. Motion carried.

County Manager


County Manager Kelley briefed the commissioners on the current status of the Yahoola Work Center bidding. We will probably reach the approved bidding threshold set by the commissioners on Thursday, June 22, 2006.

ADJOURN

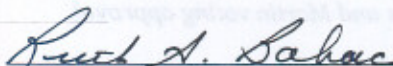
Chairman Gooch called for a motion to adjourn at 6:56 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to adjourn which Commissioner Stowers seconded. All district commissioners still present voted to approve. Motion carried.

7-20-2006
Date


Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Ruth A. Bohac
Clerk, Lumpkin County